

UP TO DATE

SPORTING NEWS AND COMMENT

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ON next Monday night Sam Berger and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien will meet for a six-round go in the National A. C. of Philadelphia. Jack says this is for the championship of the world—and it is as nominated in the bills. It isn't for the middleweight title (which Jack claims) or for the light-heavyweight (for Berger is too heavy), so it must be for Jeff's discarded toga. Berger is big enough to fill that out like a balloon, for he stands six feet two and weighs 229 stripped.

But there will be something besides beef in this match, if the two gladiators intend to gladiate.

Jack O'Brien is fast and clever enough to jab Berger to pieces unless the young giant develops more than he has shown in any of his few fights.

Berger is a big, rangy fellow, and used to be very fast and clever. I saw him training with Jim Corbett while Jim was preparing for the last Jeffescamp, and Berger carried Jim along at no less a pace than the veteran stopped and warned him that he was "not there to make a reputation."

Since that time Berger has reached the age of twenty-two years, and has picked up a lot of cleverness in "amateur" nights—also a small fortune in coin. But he has grown fat. He is round as a ball. Underneath the seal-like roundness of his sleek exterior are long, smooth, snappy muscles. But he can hardly be as fast as he was a year ago, when he pranced lightly around the ring and put out Casey in a second.

Berger is clever. He has a streak of Dutch foxiness in his make-up. He can be hard enough when he wants to have a chance to land. Aside from these prize-fight advantages there is one drawback. Like Gus Ruhlin, the Akron Giant, Berger gets rattled at the beginning of a fight. He is a nervous smoothy, strong in his first swim, it takes time for him to steady down. That is why Billy Reddenbach whipped him in Florida three years ago. Berger is good, but his nerves are an unknown quantity in competition.

As for our old friend, Jack O'Brien, Jack is a heavy weight above the waist. He is fast and clever, as they make them, and one would like to see him fight.

He will have all the confidence in his favor, for he whipped Al Kaufman, Berger's team mate, off the coast and made a record performance not so long ago, and won over Bob Fitzsimmons shortly afterward. O'Brien will have as much advantage in ring experience and prestige as Berger has in size.

The giant and the jumping jack should put up a very pretty fight.

THIS will be a great week for the "rocking-chair carmen." If you don't know what "rocking-chair carmen" are I'll explain. They are the gentlemen who sit comfortably on the boat-cab pinnacles and articulate the carmen out on the water. They rip and knock and talk learnedly about the only True and Proper Way to Row. This will be a great week for them, because the rowing clubs are about to have their various regattas.

There are many and varied races that even the rocking-chair artists may come in for a share of the medal winning. After that they turn themselves to the rockers and the knock sores again, with some ice and a straw on the side.

BULGER says that Bowerman has no such thing as fear.

While at the bat he chews tobacco with a steady stroke of the jaw and always smiles.

This reminds me of an incident that happened on Sandow Morris's oil stamping ground in San Francisco. It was in one of those very minor league games. The hero's name was "Home-run" Higgins, and he came from Bakerville, Herrera's town.

It was the ninth inning. The score was even. The bases were empty. There were two out.

"Home-run" Higgins struck proudly up to the plate and pounded with his bat. There was a look of triumph on his face, a nod of Stupor that would choke a cow, and his jaw wagged freely from side to side.

The opposing pitcher, who came from somewhere, and whose name I forgot, his nerve at this important moment and popped a nice easy one right over the plate.

"Home-run" Higgins' jaw stopped wagging for one tame second. His mighty muscles contracted. With a convulsive effort that might have uprooted a tree he held on that bat, met it squarely and drove it home, as you could have hung hats on 'em. Then turned suddenly and made one wild dash for the dressing-room under the grand stand, bat still in the door and the knuck sores again, with some ice and a straw on the side.

Mabel Richardson, First Mason, Graziallo and Jacquin Show Up Well.

GALLOPS TO-DAY ON A HOLDING TRACK WORKOUTS OVER SHEEPSHEAD COURSE

SPECIAL to The Evening World.—MABEL RICHARDSON, First Mason, Graziallo and Jacquin Show Up Well.

TRAINING Operations Somewhat Restricted and the Gallops Merely Breezes.

LOW Scores Scarce in Qualifying for National Championship.

GOLFERS PLAY FIRST ROUND FOR BIG TITLE

BRIGHTON BEACH ENTRIES.

YANKEE CRICKETERS AHEAD OF CANADIANS

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—Under ideal conditions the annual international cricket match between the United States and Canada began on the grounds of the Germantown Cricket Club, and when stumps were drawn at 6:30 P. M. for the day the home players had scored 274 runs for their first innings and the visitors 81 for the loss of five wickets. The match will continue to-day. The American eleven is made up of players selected from several local clubs, a majority of whom have an international reputation as cricketers.

The wicket was in excellent condition for play and greatly favored the batsmen. Under these conditions the Americans won the toss and elected to go to bat first. The batting of the home team was good, seven of the eleven players reaching double figures.

J. B. King, who in a local game last Saturday created a new American record by scoring 84 runs not out, made the top score 64—63 runs. By comparison the batting of the Canadians was weak against the spirited bowling of King, Clarke and Greene.

CONNECTICUT League Results.

MADISON ROOF Latest Musical Success.

CASINO Mat. Thurs. Sat. 8:30. Matinee Daily.

WEST END Mat. Tues. Sat. 8:30. Oliver Twist.

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